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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. Prior to 8 December 1951, the Barbara Kaserne in Meiningen
25X1 (II 51/H 32) was occupied to capacity by from 1,200 to 1,300 troops
25X1 who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. A motor column which left
25X1 the installation toward Oberhof during the night of 23 October,
25X1 apparently for a field exercise, consisted of: 30 trucks each
carrying about 30 soldiers; 6 AT guns; 6 medium mortars; 6 heavy
mortars; 2 field kitchens; and 2 SP guns
 The same unit returned to Meiningen
aboard two trains during the night of 1 November. *
2. Personnel who left the Barbara Kaserne for the Soviet war memorial
at the cemetery on 7 November included a 14-piece band, a unit of
46 officers, 15 units of 1 officer and 60 men per unit, a unit of
1 officer and 50 men, and 5 uniformed women.
3. Between 8 and 25 November, five groups totaling 15 junior lieutenants
and lieutenants and 205 ~~IM~~ left toward Eisenach aboard regular
passenger trains. The groups were played to the railroad station by
a military band.
4. Eighty soldiers arrived at the post on the regular passenger train
from Erfurt on 22 November, 30 on 23 November and 60 on 23 November.
They all marched to the Barbara Kaserne. Local residents stated that
a fourth shipment of soldiers had also arrived at Meiningen.
- 25X1 5. Officers identified at the Barbara Kaserne were Colonel Yaeger (fnu),
commanding officer; Lieutenant Colonel Moishesh (fnu), deputy
25X1 commander; and Major Kashirov (fnu), supply officer.
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- 25X1 * Comment. The unit probably went to Ohrdruf. Units with tanks
and artillery pieces of the other divisions of the Eighth Gds Army
also went to Ohrdruf in mid-November. As the information from
Letzling Heath, Templin and Weisswasser also indicated that troops

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practiced there from October to December 1951, it is believed that, after the return of most of the divisions to their home stations, some units again went to some troop training grounds for firing practice.

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Comment. The information confirms that most of the 117th Gds Itz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div was in Meiningen. The numbers of soldiers observed marching to the war memorial or involved in the exchange of personnel at the railroad station allow no conclusions as to the actual strength of the regiment, as MVD units are believed also to be stationed in Meiningen.

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